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FROM

THOS. WILKINS, ESQ.,

Acting Deputy Registrar of the Sudder Court,

To

T. PYCROFT, ESQ.,

Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I am directed by the Judges of the Sudder Court to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the accompanying Tables, in illustration of the administration of Criminal Justice in the Courts under this Presidency, during the year 1860.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

THOS. WILKINS,

Acting Deputy Registrar.

SUDDER COURT,
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE,
6th May 1861.

GENERAL ABSTRACT STATEMENTS.

No. 1.—*Village Police.*

	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.
Under trial on 1st January...	...	...	...	14	...
Summoned during the year...	13,190	14,821	26,012	27,030	26,801
Total...	13,190	14,821	26,012	27,044	26,801
Discharged without trial	4,564	4,539	5,216	4,907	4,736
Acquitted after investigation...	2,907	3,456	4,131	5,028	4,637
Convicted and punished...	5,719	6,826	8,439	8,943	8,322
Referred to higher authorities...	...	...	8,212	8,166	9,042
Otherwise disposed of...	...	...	...	...	64
Under trial on 31st December...	...	...	14	...	...
Total...	13,190	14,821	26,012	27,044	26,801

No. 2.—*District Police.*

	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.
Under trial on 1st January...	1,629	1,990	2,317	1,509	1,583
Summoned and apprehended during the year...	2,05,403	2,10,328	2,23,918	2,19,942	2,16,426
Referred from lower Courts during the year ...	...	...	9,039	8,517	9,344
Total...	2,07,032	2,12,318	2,35,274	2,29,968	2,27,353
Discharged without trial...	70,096	66,128	59,052	66,688	66,551
Acquitted after investigation..	79,113	83,894	1,06,944	99,558	95,749
Convicted and punished...	47,474	51,448	52,134	49,252	50,617
Referred to higher Courts..... ...	8,330	8,485	12,449	9,938	9,555
Died, escaped, or otherwise disposed of... ...	29	51	3,186	2,949	3,265
Under trial on 31st December...	1,990	2,317	1,509	1,583	1,616
Total ..	2,07,032	2,12,318	2,35,274	2,29,968	2,27,353

No. 3.—*Subordinate Judges, Principal Sadr Ameens and Sadr Ameens.*

	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.
Under trial on 1st January...	305	356	228	526	203
Referred during the year...	8,372	8,077	9,279	7,376	7,058
Total...	8,677	8,433	9,507	7,902	7,261
Discharged without trial...	...	...	20	32	55
Acquitted....	3,228	3,156	3,397	2,618	2,666
Convicted.....	2,121	1,833	2,046	1,952	1,897
Referred to Session Judges..... o ...	2,946	3,173	3,268	2,867	2,274
Otherwise disposed of....	26	43	250	230	175
Under trial on 31st December...	356	228	526	203	194

No. 5.—*Magistrates, Joint Magistrates and Assistant Magistrates.*

	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.
Under trial on 1st January...	59	67	80	270	396
Apprehended during the year...	6,585	6,079	5,251	6,246	8,694
Received by transfer...	933	1,204	3,824	3,105	3,242
Proceedings called for...	...	...	2,129	2,379	2,313
Total...	7,577	7,350	11,284	12,000	14,645
Discharged without trial...	520	413	362	370	881
Acquitted...	3,798	3,523	4,713	5,557	5,853
Convicted....	2,543	2,577	3,958	3,830	4,873
Committed to Subordinate Criminal Courts ...	628	748	767	484	763
Otherwise disposed of...	21	9	1,214	1,363	1,860
Under trial on 31st December...	67	80	270	396	415

No. 6.—*Session Judges.*

	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.
Under trial on 1st January...	366	223	374	258	179
Committed during the year...	3,109	3,502	3,708	2,971	2,675
Received by transfer..	...	...	8	...	54
Proceedings called for in consequence of Appeal or otherwise...	...	...	784	639	809
Total...	3,475	3,725	4,874	3,868	3,717
Discharged without trial...	...	...	14	11	3
Acquitted.....	1,692	1,834	2,168	1,729	1,666
Convicted....	1,188	1,021	1,725	1,334	1,392
Referred to Faujdari Court...	299	385	339	342	231
Remanded to Lower Courts...	46	80	62	67	75
Otherwise disposed of...	27	31	308	206	176
Under trial on 31st December...	223	374	258	179	174

No. 7.—*Faujdari Adalat.*

	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.
Under trial on 1st January...	15	25	16	11	13
Committed or referred during the year... ...	300	338	347	289	275
Proceedings called for...	133	60	86	101	59
Total...	448	423	449	401	347
Released unconditionally...	120	122	167	182	161
Do. on security...	6	7	3	4	7
Convicted.....	296	273	261	198	170
Remanded.....	1	2	7	1	5
Otherwise disposed of...	...	3	...	3	...
Depending on 31st December...	25	16	11	13	4

No. 10.—*Statement of Sentences passed by the several Criminal Courts during the year* 1860.

	Discharged on security.	Dismissed from office.	Fined.	Flogged.	Imprisonment not exceeding one month.	Do. above one month and not exceeding six months.	Do. above six months and not exceeding one year.	Do. above one year and not exceeding two years.	Do. above two years and not exceeding three years.	Do. above three years and not exceeding four years.	Do. above four years and not exceeding five years.	Do. above five years and not exceeding six years.	Do. above six years and not exceeding seven years.	Do. above seven years and not exceeding eight years.	Do. above eight years and not exceeding nine years.	Do. above nine years and not exceeding ten years.	Do. above ten years and not exceeding eleven years.	Do. above eleven years and not exceeding twelve years.	Do. above twelve years and not exceeding thirteen years.	Do. above thirteen years and not exceeding fourteen years.	Do. above fourteen years and not exceeding fifteen years.	Do. above fifteen years and not exceeding sixteen years.	Do. above sixteen years and not exceeding twenty-one years.	Imprisonment for life.	Transportation.	Death.
By Faujdari Adalat...	7	...	...	...	...	1	9	8	3	4	7	...	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	1	37	53
By Session Judges.....	67	...	1	1	4	66	56	130	70	53	99	1	172	46	...	10	...	...	...	194	...	...	...	...	...	...
Magistrates, Joint Magistrates and Assistant Magistrates.. ...	548	13	2,644	220	593	591	4	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Judges, Principal Sudder Ameens and Sudder Ameens... ...	157	...	378	23	138	682	518	164	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Police... ...	...	191	45,124	360	5,317	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Police... ...	...	...	...	...	8,323	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	779	204	48,147	604	14,375	1,340	587	310	73	57	106	1	176	51	...	10	...	...	...	219	...	...	...	1	37	53

No. 11.—*Average duration of cases referred to the Faujdari Adalat.*

Years.	From apprehension to commitment.	From commitment to reference.	From transference to receipt.	From receipt of reference to sentence.	Total from apprehension.
	Days.	Days.	Days.	Days.	Days.
1856... ...	20	53	7	8	88
1857... ...	21	55	7	10	93
1858... ...	16	43	7	6	72
1859... ...	17	43	7	6	73
1860... ...	21	47	7	8	83